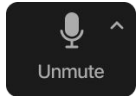
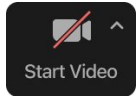


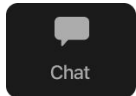
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- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact LDOEcommunications@la.gov.



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Call

April 17, 2025



Office of Career and College Readiness

Dr. Ernise Singleton, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Tireka Cobb, Chief of Staff

Student Support: *TBD*

- Transitional 9th Grade, Counselor Institutes, Professional School Counselor liaison, Individual Graduation Plan, High School Planning Guide, Counselor Connect Newsletter, Pupil Progression Plans, Alternative Education, PBIS, Discipline

Business & Industry Partnerships: *Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director*

- Business and industry outreach, assisting school systems with opportunities with business and industry, Extension Academy, Diploma Orders, Community Service Diploma Endorsement, April Dunn Jump Start Pathways, Financial Aid Planning, U.S. Senate Youth Program, Credit Recovery, Proficiency Exams, Transcripts

Fast Forward: *Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director*

- Jump Start, Jump Start Convention, Jump Start Summers, Super Summer Institute, CTTIE, Career Development Fund, Quest for Success, Supplemental Course Academy, U.S. Presidential Scholar, Advanced Coursework: AP, Dual Enrollment, IB and CLEP Testing, Graduation Requirements

Safe and Healthy Schools: *Michael Comeaux, Executive Director*

- AWARE grants, School Social Work, School Health Profiles, Health & PE, Transportation, Nursing, School-Based Medicaid, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant, and School Safety



Business and Industry Partnerships

Stephanie Marcum, Executive Director



Community Service Diploma Seal

Students can work towards earning the [Community Service Endorsement](#) by completing and documenting 80 service hours prior to graduation. Please refer students to the [Community Service Opportunities Document](#) for ways they can volunteer in their community.

Please contact suzette.rabalais@la.gov with questions.



Jump Start Construction Scholars Program

The [Jump Start Construction Scholars Program](#) is accepting applications for up to forty one-time \$1,000 scholarships. Applications are due April 22, 2025.

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Be on track to earn a Jump Start TOPS Tech Career Diploma
- Have a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credential
- Plan to enroll in a LCTCS campus on a construction pathway or in an Associated Builders and Contractors training program

Please contact suzette.rabalais@la.gov with questions.



Financial Aid Planning

The U.S. Department of Education has revamped the FAFSA application. The 2025-2026 application is now open.

Students and families will need to create and/or reset usernames and passwords (FSA IDs) before they will have access the website.

Fill out the [2025-2026 FAFSA](#) application (if you want to apply for the federal Pell Grant, federal student loans, the Louisiana GO Grant, and TOPS).

Fill out a [TOPS application](#) on the LOSFA website (if you want TOPS only).

Please contact ldefinancialaid@la.gov with questions.



Fast Forward

Dr. Timberly Monaghan, Executive Director



Cohort Graduation Data Certification

La Data Review will open in April for accountability contacts to:

- Retrieve 2024 cohort graduation rosters and distribute them to schools
- Collect and submit requests for changes to data that will be used in the calculation of the graduation rate and related graduation indices used in the 2024 SPS

The department will continue to conduct exit code reviews for students exited as transfers out of state (10), transfers to approved nonpublic schools (14) and transfers to BESE-approved home study (16.)

Please contact assessment@la.gov



Elimination of Cohort Graduation Lag Year

The 2024 SPS will include data from both the 2024 and 2025 cohort in order to eliminate the lag year for reporting graduation data.

- Beginning with the 2025 graduation cohort, data certification will be divided into two phases:
 - Phase I will continue to be conducted in the spring. This phase will include exit code audits only.
 - Phase II will be conducted in summer, and will include reviews of LEA and site flags, AP, IB and CLEP data, and HiSET attainment.

Requests to update IBCs and DE course codes are no longer reviewed or approved.



Summer Data Certification

In addition to the Phase II 2025 cohort data certification in August, the following data certification will open for accountability contacts:

ACT Index Data: Includes highest score for ACT and WorkKeys with points assigned to students. This is the last time that this roster will be issued. In the future, ACT scores will be on the cohort graduation roster.

DCAI Data: Includes credit counts for students who were in grade 8 in 2023-2024 and points awarded (DCAI is being discontinued after this year)

Assessment and Progress Data: All LEAP, LEAP Connect and ELPT data



Online Training for CTE Issuing Officers Now Open

Teachers must be authorized as CTE Issuing Officers by the Louisiana Workforce Commission in order to issue CTE employment certificates to students. They must pass an online training course and receive a course completion certificate from LWC. Principals should send a request on school letterhead, including names, titles and email addresses of the CTE teachers to laborprograms@lwc.la.gov. A link to the training and login credentials will follow.

Please contact at rduhon@lwc.la.gov questions

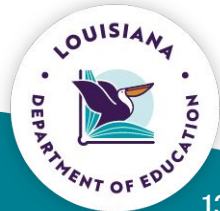


2025 ACT Summit

Registration is now open for the 2025 ACT Summit. The ACT Summit unites the expertise and focus of Workforce professionals, Higher Ed leaders, and K-12 leaders, creating a fully integrated experience that fosters cross-sector collaboration. Sessions are designed to spark collaboration, foster problem solving, and shape the future of education and the workforce.

- **When:** July 15-17
- **Where:** Nashville, TN
- **Cost:** Registration \$700

Please contact charmaine.cureton@la.gov with questions.



College Board Updates and Deadlines

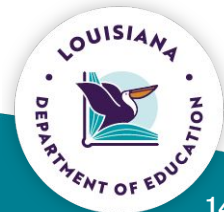
Deadlines and Reminders:

- **April 30:** Deadline to finalize student fee reduction status in [AP Registration and Ordering](#)
- **April 30:** [AP Digital Portfolio](#) Deadline for performance tasks in AP Seminar, AP Research, and AP Computer Science Principles
- **May 9:** [AP Digital Portfolio](#) Deadline for performance tasks in AP Art & Design
- **May 31:** Deadline for AP African American Studies project scores for the [AP Digital Portfolio](#).
- **May 31:** Deadline for AP Teachers to submit [AP Participant Grant](#) applications to attend AP Summer Institute (APSI).
- **June 1:** Deadline for College Board to [receive exam materials](#) from schools.
- Please check out the [AP One Pager](#) for more information on test dates, resources, and common links.

Updates and Events:

- [Weekly Office Hours](#)
 - **Webinar Date and Time:** Tuesdays; 10 a.m.
 - **Webinar ID (Teams):** 232 293 189 414
 - **Passcode:** 7VQcYk

Contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.

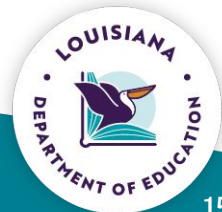


College Board: AP Precalculus Power Hour

The College Board is offering monthly AP Precalculus Power Hours. Sessions are designed to provide teachers with timely information, an opportunity to ask questions, and a chance to interact with AP Precalculus teachers from around the world.

Zoom Registration Links	Topic
April 24; 6 p.m. April 26; 8 a.m	AP Precalculus Free Responses

Contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.



Fast Forward Training Catalog

The [Fast Forward Training Catalog](#) provides a list of professional development and training opportunities available. The catalog includes virtual, in-person, and hybrid training options for many Industry Based Certifications (IBCs) on the State Focus list. Please be sure to check out the professional development offerings as they are updated regularly.

Contact fastforward@la.gov with questions.



2025 AP Annual Conference

[Registration](#) for the 2025 AP Annual Conference is open. The conference will bring together education professionals from the AP and Pre-AP communities. Attendees will connect with various stakeholders, attend workshops, content-driven sessions, and exhibits.

- **When:** July 16-18
- **Where:** Boston, MA
- **Cost:** Registration \$215 - \$625

Contact fhordge@collegeboard.org with questions.



Safe and Healthy Schools

Michael Comeaux, Executive Director



National School Nurses Day

- May 8
- National Nurses Week - May 6-12

Contact Susan.Dupont@la.gov with questions.



National School Nurse Association Conference

[NASN's 57th Annual Conference](#) will be held this summer in Austin, Texas at the J.W. Marriott. School Nurses have two opportunities to attend this year.

- In-person - June 26-29
- Virtual conference - July 7-9

Contact Susan.Dupont@la.gov with questions.



Asthma Awareness Month

Asthma Awareness Month is observed every year in the month of May.

[Louisiana Department of Health](#) defines Asthma as “a chronic lung disease that causes the airways that carry air into and out of the lungs to become irritated and swollen.”

- Louisiana ranks 30th in the nation in asthma rates
- Asthma rates in children 0-17 years is 7.0%
- Asthma is a leading cause of school absenteeism

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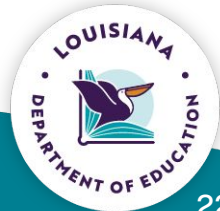
Save the Date: Physical Education and Adapted Physical Education Summer Institute

Date: June 3 and June 4

Location: Southeastern Louisiana University

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



Awards/Recognition



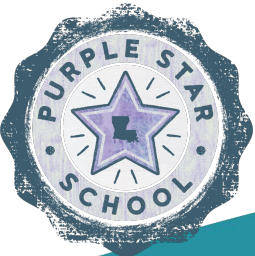
Purple Star School

This award shows recognition to schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to the United States Armed Forces.

To earn the recognition, schools shall engage in the following activities:

- Designate a staff member to serve as a military liaison and engage in the following:
- Serve as the primary point of contact for military connected students and families
- Work to identify special considerations needed by military-connected students and families
- Develop training to inform teachers and other school personnel of those special considerations
- Create a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military-connected students and families
- Create a student-led transition program to provide peer support for military-connected students

Other criteria and information can be found by visiting the [LDOE Awards page](#).



Contact highschoolacademics@la.gov with questions.



Connect with Our Office



Office of Career and College Readiness Monthly Calls

Alternative Education	<u>May 8 at 10 a.m.</u>
Office of Career and College Readiness	<u>May 15 at 3 p.m.</u>
Safe and Healthy Schools	<u>April 24 at 2 p.m.</u>

Contact angela.jordan@la.gov with questions.



Helpful Information

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [School System Support Calendar](#). Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

Graduation Requirements; Dual Enrollment; Advanced Placement; General Information	highschoolacademics@la.gov
Fast Forward/Jump Start 2.0	fastforward@la.gov
Course Choice / SCA	SCA@la.gov
Healthy Schools	healthyschools@la.gov
Pupil Progression Plans	PPP@la.gov

Contact Tireka.Cobb2@la.gov with questions.



Questions?

